

Application No.: 10/672762

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REMARKS

Claims 24-25 and 27-39 are cancelled in this current amendment. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Claims 1-10, 12, 17-23, and 40-44 are pending. The Examiner has stated that Claims 40-44 are withdrawn from consideration.

Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-10, 12, and 17-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-28 of copending Application No. 10/672,554.

A terminal disclaimer is concurrently submitted with this response to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-10, 12, and 17-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of copending Application No. 10/672,814.

A terminal disclaimer is concurrently submitted with this response to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-10, 12, and 17-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-19 and 21-23 of copending Application No. 10/847,523.

A terminal disclaimer is concurrently submitted with this response to overcome this rejection.

Withdrawal of claims 40-44

The Examiner stated that claims 40-44 were withdrawn from consideration. Because these claims depend from claim 1 and are further limitations of this claim, Applicants

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respectfully request that they be considered in this current application along with claims 1-10, 12, and 17-23. These claims were added in the amendment submitted on June 27, 2005.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for pending claims 1-10, 12, 17-23 and 40-44 is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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